

REMARKS

Upon entry of this second preliminary amendment, claims 1 and 13-30 are in this application. New claims 13-30 are supported throughout the specification and by original claims 2-12. These amendments are made to clarify claim language and eliminate multiple dependencies. No new matter is added by this preliminary amendment.

Attached hereto is a marked-up version of the changes made to the specification and claims by the current amendment. The attached Appendix A is captioned "Version With Markings to Show Changes Made".

Attached hereto is a clean copy of all of the pending claims. The attached Appendix B is captioned "Clean Copy of Pending Claims Without Markings".

Applicants respectfully request consideration of the pending claims.

The Director of the U. S. Patent and Trademark Office is hereby authorized to charge any deficiency in any fees due with the filing of this paper or credit any overpayment in any fees to our Deposit Account No. 08-3040.

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Appendix A

Version with Markings to Show Changes Made

In the claims:

Claims 2-12 have been cancelled.

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Appendix A
Version with Markings to Show Changes Made

In the specification:

Page 1, line 3, insert the following new paragraph:

Cross-Reference to Related Applications

This is a 371 of PCT/EP00/06614, filed July 12, 2000, which claims
priority of German Patent Application No. 19932417.4, filed July 15, 1999.

In the claims:

1. (Amended) Biaxially oriented polymer film having at least one layer, characterised in that this wherein said layer is a fibre-containing layer which is built up from a thermoplastic polymer and contains natural fibres, polymer fibres or mineral fibres.